



PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please consider the following Applicants' response to the outstanding rejection of April

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18, 2002.

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Claims 17-19 were pending at the time of rejection.

~~Prior art considered:~~ JP 10119425 (JP '425); U.S. Patent 5,017,268 Clitherow et al
(Clitherow).

The rejection: Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '425 in view of Clitherow.

The Examiner's position is set forth in the Action and Applicants will not comment in detail thereon except as necessary to an understanding of their traversal as set forth below.